#### MINUTES

# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on March 5, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)

Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Dick Barrett (D)

Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)

Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)

Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)

Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)

Rep. Brian Hoven (R)

Rep. Mike Jopek (D)

Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

Rep. Mike Miller (R)

Rep. Art Noonan (D)

Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)

Rep. Jon Sonju (R)

Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

### Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 562, 2/26/2009; SB 292,

2/26/2009; SB 353, 2/26/2009; SB

361, 2/26/2009

Executive Action: None

# HEARING ON SB 361

# Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:46 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 361, Revise property tax lien laws relating to receipted costs and notice form.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:41 Rep. Wiseman 00:04:35 Sen. Ripley 00:04:57 Rep. Wiseman 00:05:12 Sen. Ripley

### Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:53 Sen. Ripley

00:06:43 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

### HEARING ON SB 292

### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:12 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 292, Revise coal severance tax.

# Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:45	Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties and Property
	Development
00:12:31	Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council
00:14:11	Steve Wade, Carpenter Creek LLC
00:15:06	Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County, Rosebud County
00:15:46	Wade Beaudry, Self

# Opponents' Testimony: None

### <u>Informational Testimony</u>:

00:18:18 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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00:18:39 Rep. Noonan
00:19:23 Sen. Gebhardt
00:20:01 Rep. Noonan
00:20:40 Mr. Berry
00:21:51 Rep. Hoven
00:22:06 Sen. Gebhardt
00:22:45 Rep. Hoven
00:23:02 Sen. Gebhardt
00:24:54 Rep. Jopek
00:25:08 Sen. Gebhardt
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# Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:03	Sen. Gebhardt
00:27:02	Chairman Lake closed the hearing.
	Rep. Cohenour Chairman Lake

### HEARING ON HB 562

# Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:25 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 562, Allow change in application of protested school taxes to GTB.

### Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:31:17 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
- Chairman Lake left the room and handed the gavel to Vice Chairman Taylor.
- 00:35:32 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana, Montana Taxpayers Association
- 00:37:07 Linda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials

# Opponents' Testimony: None

# <u>Informational Testimony</u>:

00:38:45 Denise Ulberg, Administrator, School Finance Division, Office of Public Instruction

### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 00:39:09 Rep. Stahl
- 00:39:39 Mr. Melton
- 00:40:17 Rep. Stahl
- 00:40:35 Rep. McAlpin
- 00:40:51 Mr. Melton
- 00:41:40 Rep. McAlpin
- 00:41:47 Rep. Vincent
- 00:42:10 Rep. Cohenour
- 00:42:59 Rep. Vincent
- 00:43:08 Rep. Cohenour
- 00:43:13 Rep. Stahl
- 00:43:30 Rep. Cohenour
- 00:43:57 Rep. Hoven
- 00:44:25 Mr. Melton
- 00:44:32 Rep. Hoven
- 00:44:58 Mr. Melton

# Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:24 Rep. Cohenour

Chairman Lake returned to the room and resumed as chairman.

00:46:10 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

### HEARING ON SB 353

# Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:37 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 353, Remove license tax incentive for ethanol.

# <u>Proponents' Testimony</u>:

00:49:44 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

# Informational Testimony:

00:51:16 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

# Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:41 Sen. Black

00:53:28 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

00:54:40 Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (tah49aad.pdf)